

SCMS Project Fact Sheet

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Affordable Medicines
For Africa

AMFA Foundation

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Consultancy, Inc.

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JSI Research &
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Sciences for Health, Inc.

The Manoff Group, Inc.

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North-West University

Northrop Grumman
Information Technology

Program for Appropriate
Technology in Health
(PATH)

UPS Supply
Chain Solutionssm

Voxiva, Inc.

Background: The President's Emergency Plan for Aids Relief

To combat HIV/AIDS internationally, in 2003 the United States pledged \$15 billion over five years. Working collaboratively with international, national, and local leaders, this initiative, the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief (the Emergency Plan), seeks to "promote integrated prevention, treatment, and care programs, with an urgent focus on countries that are most afflicted by the disease." Specifically, this effort aims to:

- Support treatment for two million people infected with the HIV/AIDS
- Prevent seven million new infections
- Support care for 10 million people infected with or affected by the disease—including orphans and other vulnerable children

As part of the Emergency Plan, a new initiative administered by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) called the Supply Chain Management System (SCMS) will operate a safe, secure, reliable, and sustainable supply chain to procure and distribute pharmaceuticals and other commodities needed to provide care and treatment of persons with HIV/AIDS and related infections. Importantly, SCMS will assist in improving capacity of national supply chains, in order to ensure long-term sustainability of distribution systems in participating countries.

SCMS is designed to provide one-stop shopping for HIV/AIDS supplies and supply-related services for use by HIV/AIDS programs funded by the Emergency Plan and other U.S. government entities combating HIV/AIDS. Other donor-funded or developing country programs that require these supplies and services may be permitted to make use of the SCMS mechanism by the third year of its operation. The products to be supplied through this initiative include a wide variety of pharmaceuticals, other medicines, medical and laboratory supplies, and medical equipment.

The contract for this initiative has been awarded through open competition to the Partnership for Supply Chain Management.

About the SCMS Project Team

The SCMS project team has been created to make SCMS a reality. The team is led by the Partnership for Supply Chain Management (PSCM) and includes 13 other organizations, each one offering unique capabilities that will ensure that

high-quality antiretroviral (ARV) drugs, HIV tests, and other supplies for treating HIV/AIDS are available to the people—patients, clinicians, laboratory technicians, and others—who need them. The SCMS project team exactly mirrors the constellation of organizations that must be drawn into a coordinated response to the HIV/AIDS pandemic, including nonprofit organizations, commercial private sector corporations, academic institutions, and faith-based organizations. SCMS project team member organizations include:

- Affordable Medicines for Africa – Johannesburg, South Africa
- AMFA Foundation – St. Charles, IL
- Booz Allen Hamilton – McLean, VA
- Crown Agents Consultancy, Inc. – Washington, DC
- Fuel Logistics Group (Pty) Ltd. – Sandton, South Africa
- International Dispensary Association – Amsterdam, Netherlands
- JSI Research & Training Institute, Inc. – Boston, MA
- Management Sciences for Health, Inc. – Boston, MA
- The Manoff Group, Inc. – Washington, DC
- MAP International – Brunswick, GA
- The North-West University – Potchefstroom, South Africa
- Northrop Grumman Information Technology – McLean, VA
- Program for Appropriate Technology in Health – Seattle, WA
- UPS Supply Chain SolutionsSM – Atlanta, GA
- Voxiva, Inc. – Washington, DC

About the Partnership

The Partnership for Supply Chain Management is a nonprofit organization established in 2005 by two international leaders in supply chain management for drugs and other public health commodities in developing countries—JSI Research & Training Institute (JSI), and Management Sciences for Health (MSH).

Overview of the SCMS Project Team Approach

The SCMS initiative requires project team members to devise and implement technical solutions that will transform the way in which HIV/AIDS commodities reach clients who need them. We will initially work in 15 focus countries, primarily with the current recipients of U.S. government-funded products, but are prepared to serve the entire developing world. Team members will strengthen current national supply chain mechanisms. We will build public-private partnerships and employ technology in innovative ways to ensure continuous product availability to Emergency Plan participants.

SCMS project team members will implement a fully functional pharmaceutical supply chain for the Emergency Plan. Our approach comprises six interrelated components: procurement, freight forwarding, quality assurance, and in-country

support, enabled by a comprehensive logistics management information system (LMIS), and controlled by a strong program management process. In implementing the SCMS project, team members will work at three levels—

1. National: the public and private organizations, programs, services, and structures—both existing and created by this project—in countries served by the Emergency Plan.
2. Regional: the services and structures for warehousing and commodity distribution at the regional level, using existing service providers.
3. Global: activities and services organized predominantly at the global level, including procurement, global logistics, quality assurance, LMIS, external communications, headquarters-level coordination, and program management.

Over time, the U.S. government anticipates that SCMS will expand to assist other international stakeholders working in the field of HIV/AIDS. SCMS project team members already work closely with the Global Fund, WHO, UNAIDS, and other stakeholders. Therefore, the team is very well positioned to quickly scale up efforts with collaborating organizations around the world.